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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

ABE RUEF'S CONVICTION.

A jury of his peers has convicted Abraham Ruef, erstwhile political boss in San Francisco, of bribery—which is a felony—after two and one-half years of the most notorious series of trials in the history of the United States. There have been other fights against graft rings in other cities of the United States, but in no other community—hardly excepting the old Tweed ring in New York—have the grafters so openly defied the courts and brazenly flaunted their shame in the face of the people as has Ruef and the municipal and corporation officials who carried on an open traffic in corruption during the Ruef-Schmitz regime. In fact, the audacity of the graft ring, backed by a subsidized press, was so unbelievable that the people of San Francisco were, up to a few days ago, beginning to believe that the graft prosecutors were the real miscreants, and seeking to gain control of the municipal government for their own private ends.

Jury after jury disagreed and the graft forces made open boasts that a jury could not be secured in San Francisco which would convict any of the higher-ups. The attempted assassination of Francis J. Heney by Maurice Haas, a weak creature inspired by the lawdefying attitude and articles published by the Examiner, the Globe, the Chronicle, and others of the graft ring papers, brought the people of San Francisco to their senses, and to a realization of the utter unscrupulousness of the men to whom they had entrusted the affairs of their city. And close upon this followed the news that the jury before which the deeds of Abe Ruef had been presented had voted him guilty, a felon.

We do not doubt but that the graft ring had its man on that jury, but in view of the blaze of public resentment against the graft ring, he was afraid to "deliver the goods" at the last moment. The records of the jury show that some one was hanging out until the last, but finally weakened and gave in. This juror, or these jurors, as the case may have been, knew full well that the man or men who stood out, in the face of the overwhelming and damning evidence against Ruef, for acquittal, would have every act of their lives, from the cradle to the present time, gone over, not only by the press, but by that silent, mysterious, relentless and apparently all-seeing man who is feared and hated by all the San Francisco criminals, William J. Burns, and that this would be followed by an inquisition by grand jury or in court which would worm from them the secret of any illegal transactions. The members of the ring are hunting cover, and the great public of San Francisco which has been praying for the success of the graft prosecutors, may thank the yellow press for its aid in securing the conviction of the man who holds the key to all the graft transactions occurring under the graft regime. It was the inflammatory utterances of these papers, their aid to and abetment of the graft ring, which resulted in the attempted assassination of Francis J. Heney; and it was this final great crime which led directly to the conviction of Abe Ruef. Francis J. Heney, wounded almost unto death, won a victory which in health he has not been able to win for two and one-half years—for Heney, wounded, had the support of the people—a people now in the temper which prompted and ruled the vigilantes of the olden days, and who are yet remembered by San Francisco evil-doers with a shudder.

PUBLICITY FOR CORPORATIONS.

The annual report of Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor, reduces to lucid and effective terms the best thought that has been gathering for several years about the question of corporation publicity and regulation. It must always be borne in mind, of course, that the national government is restricted to the sphere of corporations engaging in inter-state commerce, but a theory once established at Washington is bound to permeate the whole political body of the United States and to eventually find lodgment in the laws, and be reflected in the judicial opinions, of the several commonwealths. Moreover, the national government, by the method of welcoming voluntary publicity, can draw within its sphere other corporations, not doing an interstate business. This can be accomplished by the system of voluntary registration, proposed by Mr. Straus.

The philosophy of the voluntary publicity idea, which has worked beautifully under the Beeler law of Wyoming, is that the fear of scrutiny manifested by a failure to register, is a competitive handicap when the custom of registration is once understood and generally accepted. In the case of interstate corporations, the government cannot limit itself to the mere suggestion of voluntary registration, although Mr. Straus doubtless hopes that compulsion will gradually disappear in effect, for it has evidently become necessary that the large combinations of capital shall submit to regulation, and regulation can not be justly accomplished without a fair and open inspection of these corporations. The new idea requires an exercise of force, more strenuous to start with, perhaps, than will be necessary after the law has assumed the aspect of a natural custom. The disposition to publicity will in time be congenial with corporations.

We can conceive of the time, even now, when the newly-organized corporations, seeking public subscriptions, will find it suicidal not to register under such a law as that which Mr. Straus has in mind. If this shall happen, the federal statute will do much to solve some of the investment problems which the individual states are so slow to solve. Let the public once perceive that registration with the nation is desirable, if only as a test of good faith, and a line will be drawn immediately between the sheep and the goats.—Denver Record.

THAT THIRTY MILLION FINE.

When Judge Landis fined the Standard Oil company of Indiana nearly thirty million dollars for violation of interstate commerce laws, rebating, etc., the Standard Oil and the papers which are in fear of or subsidized by that corporation raised a tremendous outcry about the abuse of judicial power, and confiscation of property because of a fine inflicted upon a company which was only capitalized at one million dollars. Mr. Archbold's testimony on the witness stand that there had "been many million dollars invested in the company, which was only normally capitalized," and the further

showing made by the government's attorneys to the effect that this poor little company, capitalized at only one million dollars, made net earnings between the years of 1898 and 1906 of more than fifty-five million dollars go far toward disproving any injustice in that thirty million dollar fine. During seven years, the Standard Oil company of Indiana, according to these figures, made earnings of some nine million dollars per year, or, upon a capitalization of one million dollars, earnings of 900 per cent per year.

If it was confiscation to inflict a fine of thirty million dollars upon a corporation capitalized at only one million dollars, for flagrant and wholesale violations of the law, what can we call the extortion of fifty million dollars of profits from consumers in eight years by the same company?

Punishment is not meted out by the courts in accordance with a man's standing, or according to what he can afford. It is meted out according to the crime. And we believe that that thirty million dollars was not excessive when the destruction of competition in the oil and its allied industries; the driving of independent oil producers and dealers into bankruptcy and the loss thereby caused to the consumer, who would otherwise have profited by competition, is considered.

The agricultural editor of the Bonanza is in receipt of the following inquiry: "Do Hogs Pay? J. Bird." In answer to Mr. Bird we would state that a good many do not. They take the paper for some months and then have the postmaster mark it "refused" or "address unknown."

A DESPERATE JAIL BREAK AT MANHATTAN

There were rumors flying around Tonopah yesterday of a jail break in Manhattan in which two prisoners made a successful dash for liberty and in their get-away killed one man and seriously injured another. The seriousness of the affair was turned to the ridiculous when the true state of affairs was learned last evening. From the information received from Manhattan it appears that a miner there had been arrested for drunkenness and his partner finding him in jail, secured a pick and broke the lock, setting the prisoner free. When both were found several hours later by the officers they were celebrating the release of the one who had been confined, and were too full for utterance. Both were arrested and a new lock placed on the calaboose.

ALL ELKS, ATTENTION!

A meeting of utmost importance, not only to Tonopah Elks, but all Elks sojourning in the community, will be held at the lodge room, Saturday, at 8 p. m. Be there. This means you.

GEO. B. THATCHER, E. R.

ST. MARK'S GUILD.

The regular meeting of St. Mark's guild will be held in the guild room on Friday, December 11, at 2:30 p. m. As this is the last meeting before the bazaar will all the members try to be present. K. Kidd, secretary.

MONO MAN CROSSES OVER.

Word received from Bridgeport, California, states that N. B. Hume, chairman of the Mono county board of supervisors, had died there on the 6th inst. He was one of the pioneers of that section and famed as a fighter for the interests of the county. He owned a large amount of property throughout the county and was considered a man of means. He leaves a wife and several grandchildren, who will undoubtedly continue the management of the large ranch.

STOCK MARKET

The following quotations are furnished by the reliable brokerage firm of Kenneth Donnellan & Co.:

Thursday, December 10.

Tonopah District.	
Tonopah Nevada.	\$6.75
Montana	.85
Tonopah Ex.	.49
MacNamara	.35
Midway	.19
Belmont	.90
North Star	.04
West End	.33
Rescue	.03
Goldfield District.	
Columbia Mt.	.17
Booth	.23
Blue Bull	.11
Lone Star	.05
Atlas	.16
Gt. Bend	.26
Empire	.02
Florence	4.70
Diamondfield Con.	.11
Daisy	.80
Gt. Bend An.	.05
Oro	.13
Fraction	1.40
Kewanas	.25
Consolidated	8.87 1/2
C. O. D.	.35
Crackerjack	.05
Red Hills	.19
Grandma	.06
Florence Ex.	.08
Yellow Tiger	.15
Bullfrog District.	
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\$50.00 Coats now	\$25.00	\$30.00 Skirts now	\$15.00
40.00 Coats now	20.00	20.00 Skirts now	10.00
35.00 Coats now	17.50	15.00 Skirts now	7.50
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